

HOT AIR '24 V-Supplement

America's Dad or America's Dud? I personally was jonesing for former astronaut and current Senator Mark Kelly of Arizona to serve as Harris' Veep, so I'm not particularly happy with the choice of jolly 'warrior', Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota. Although he served 24 years in the National Guard Reserves, he never actually saw combat overseas. Then the Trump/Vance campaign resurrected video of Walz stating that he 'carried a gun in battle' while campaigning for gun control measures in one of his Congressional or Gubernatorial races. Bitchy little weirdo J D Vance only served four years in the Marines as a journalist, including six months in Iraq not under fire, so naturally he jumped on this pretty quickly. Hey Kamala -- it's not too late to reconsider the studly, seemingly-flawless Sen. Kelly -- remember Sargent Shriver? Below are responses from Threads regulars to this kerfuffle.



ronaldfilipkowski 24m

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Republicans are really going to try and disparage Tim Walz's 25 years of service in the Army while their nominee had his rich daddy get one of his doctor tenants to write a letter to the draft board claiming little Donnie couldn't serve because of bone spurs?
That's the play?

stonekettle

[Navy vet]

12 minutes ago

8/7/24 [re JD Vance]

This isn't a Marine.

This is an "Ex" Marine who could never be trusted by his fellows. This is the guy who takes the last cup of coffee on the midwatch and doesn't make more. This is the guy who steals other Marines skivvies out of the ship's laundry. This is the guy who's always late for watch. This is the guy who talks shit about everyone in the squad behind their backs and never to their faces. This is the guy who hits on his subordinate's wife. This is the phantom shitter, right here.

re

jmg_nyc

21m21 minutes ago

joemygod.com/2024...

Vance Accuses Tim Walz Of "Stolen Valor" [VIDEO] - Joe.My.God.

southerngent61

19m19 minutes ago

He's is a documented Army National Guardsman. Vance is a liar.

apostate_jay

19m19 minutes ago

That's Command Sergeant Major to you, Corporal.

-----stony's post

girafficmarx

7m7 minutes ago

Rumor has it that JD never retreated, but he had to backspace a lot.

boburell

12m12 minutes ago

That dude is what the Marines I used to transport would call a POG.

[The derogatory term POG (Person other than Grunt) is often associated with those who are not infantry. Yet, the history of the term originated with disgruntled Navy sailors during the American Civil War of Irish descent. Nov 20, 2023

<https://www.facebook.com/Mentors4Mil/posts/the-derogatory-term-pog-person-other-than-grunt-is-often-associated-with-those-w/967962128182388/>

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devil_dog1985

5m5 minutes ago

We call this type of Marine a "shitbird". Substandard and is usually invited to a blanket party or two.

cligheastport

9m9 minutes ago

Tom Cotton leaves the room. 😊

robmajor111

14m14 minutes ago

Can't wait until this accusation blows up in Vance's face. As it inevitably will.

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briantylercohen

6m6 minutes ago

Sorry, am I understanding this right that JD Vance is attacking Tim Walz on his 24-year military service... while running on a ticket with Donald Trump, who made up a medical condition to avoid serving and then called avoiding getting STDs his own personal Vietnam?

judee_ndc

4m4 minutes ago

Their attempt to John Kerry him. Ain't gonna work. Not this time WalzForVP

giftedbutlazee

4m4 minutes ago

Vance never saw combat either. He's weird a.f to use that attack.

thescotandjoe

3m3 minutes ago

Vance did 6 months hiding behind a desk as a junior journalist writing press

releases.

paulalovinski

1mabout a minute ago

When your best strategy is to attack a military reserve, you have no goddamn strategy. You're just an unpatriotic asshole.

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stonekettle

39m39 minutes ago

This is reprehensible. Vance is the kind of "Marine" you can never trust at your back.

votevets

1habout an hour ago

JD Vance attacking another Veteran holds no honor and no semblance of reality. This is a blatant, baseless, and abhorrent attack. Shame on him.

devil_dog1985

1habout an hour ago

Vance was a USMC Lance Corporal or E3. He did 1 4yr enlistment and used his GI Bill to go to Yale. Tim Walz was a 24yr Command SgtMaj (E-9) which is highest enlisted rank. Vance judging military service of Tim Walz is like a fry cook at McDonald's judging job performance of VP of Operations. He has no clue.

occiwan

1habout an hour ago

I'm not going to disparage anyone's service record but I will make an observation. One guy has an extensive military career with many accomplishments and the other was enlisted for four years assigned to the public relations office. The two are not the same and for the low rank PR guy to talk trash about a superior NCO shows me the PR guy never learned discipline, respect and professionalism.

wrath_of_chaka_khan

1habout an hour ago

Notice he says "were you ever in war" and "combat zone" - not "were you ever in combat". Because JD Vance was never in actual combat either. You can also be in a war without being in combat. Anybody active duty supporting a war effort is in war. I was in Desert Storm in a war zone but not in combat. I was in a combat zone 11 times in Afghanistan, but not actually in war as I was a civilian.

JD is using carefully chosen phrases here to act like he was something he wasn't.

That's Stolen Valor.

regularcorrect007

1habout an hour ago

Ok - so any American who signs up to serve their country, is stealing valor if they never see a combat zone?

Keep talking Vance, just keep talking.

petegunther

59m59 minutes ago

Yes, keep talking. Every word he utters is another shovel full of dirt on his campaign.

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votevets

1habout an hour ago

Hey @jdvance, you have a lot of opinions on @timwalz who honorably served our nation for 24 YEARS.

Where's your opinion on your running mate who dodged the draft 5 times, calls our war dead 'suckers and losers' and doesn't want to be seen with war-wounded?

We'll wait...

stonekettle

35m35 minutes ago

The ironic part is that Vance DID give us his opinion of Trump's cowardice. He was pretty vocal about it, even going so far as to call Trump after a former German fascist dictator (I'm not allowed to use the name here or Threads thinks I'm stanning for German dictators). Then suddenly, just like Lindsey Graham before him, Vance changed his tune when offered power.

These are the kind of veterans we could never trust when in uniform. They never got it and they were only in it for themselves.

happy_joooooooohn

30m30 minutes ago

Thank God they were kept away from actual combat

=====nothing from Obama, who never had any military experience

barackobama

2h2 hours ago

Governor Walz doesn't just have the experience to be vice president, he has the values and the integrity to make us proud. And as we saw last night,

@KamalaHarris

and Tim Walz make a great team.

Now let's do everything we can - volunteer, donate, organize - from now until November to help them get elected. KamalaHarris.com

=====nothing on vance's claims yet 8/8/24 9:14 AM

kamalahq

1:06 PM 8/7/2024

33m33 minutes ago

Gov. Tim_Walz: For several decades, I was a dues-paying union member. There probably should be a few more of us as governors and members of Congress. Republicans came at me and said, 'Tim is in the pocket of organized labor.' If he was attacking me for standing up for collective bargaining, fair wages, safe working conditions, apprenticeship programs, health care, and retirement, I'd roll the dice on that thing and see how it went. It and it worked out pretty well

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FICTION VERSUS FACTS

TIM WALZ RECORD



FICTION	FACTS
<p>Tim Walz retired because he knew he was going to deploy to Iraq.</p>	<p>Bullshit. Tim submitted his retirement request to the U.S. Army National Guard months prior to notification of his unit's deployment. His unit was fully sourced (staffed), and his request was approved. He retired in May 2005.</p>
<p>Tim Walz is using a rank he didn't attain, and that's Stolen Valor.</p>	<p>Bullshit, and the Minnesota National Guard says it's bullshit. It is entirely accurate to describe Tim as having been a Command Sergeant Major - the rank under which he served - and the Minnesota National Guard has emphasized in public statements that he can be referred to as such.</p>

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jnewberger

1habout an hour ago

From the people who brought you "Kamala isn't Black" comes "Tim Walz didn't serve."

vkinlan

1habout an hour ago

It's been a long time since the GOP was grounded in reality.

mmludz

1habout an hour ago

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springfield_rider

1habout an hour ago

"The unit received an official alert order two months after Walz had retired, the Minnesota National Guard said,....."

--Washington Post 8/7/24

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What's a political race without vice presidential candidates attacking each other?

August 8, 2024 5:03 AM ET

Heard on Morning Edition
Quil Lawrence

Republican JD Vance and Democrat Tim Walz are both military veterans. Vance has gone after Walz's service. (SOUND BYTE)

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Vance baselessly accuses Walz of 'stolen valor' as he campaigns in the Midwest

<https://baynews9.com/fl/tampa/news/2024/08/07/decision-2024-election-latest-updates-trump-harris-vance-walz>

--By Joseph Konig
Michigan

UPDATED 9:10 PM ET Aug. 07, 2024 PUBLISHED 4:04 PM ET Aug. 07, 2024

Vance, a U.S. Marine veteran and the Republican Party's nominee for vice president, referenced years-old and long-disputed criticisms of Walz, who served in the National Guard for 24 years, by some soldiers who served alongside him that the then 41-year-old left the service months before their battalion was deployed to Iraq. Walz has said he left the service to pursue a run for Congress in 2006, winning his first of six terms in the House.

"What really bothers me about Tim Walz, as a Marine who served his country in uniform, when the United States Marine Corps, when the United States of America asked me to go to Iraq, to serve my country, I did it," Vance said at a press conference in Shelby Township, Mich. "When Tim Walz was asked by his country to go to Iraq, you know what he did? He dropped out of the Army and allowed his unit to go without him, a fact that he's been criticized for aggressively by a lot of the people that he served with."

"I think it's shameful to prepare your unit to go to Iraq, to make a promise that you're going to follow through and then to drop out right before you actually have to go," Vance added.

Walz, whose official biographies have long said he retired as a command sergeant major and billed him as "the highest-ranking enlisted service member ever to serve in Congress," enlisted in the Nebraska National Guard at 17 and served in the Minnesota National Guard in the 1990s and early 2000s. After the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Walz was deployed to Italy as part of Operation Enduring Freedom from Aug. 2003 to April 2004.

He served as a high-ranking, non-commissioned officer in a field artillery regiment — damaging his ear and hearing to the point of necessitating surgery, according to medical records obtained by Minnesota Public Radio — and reached the rank of command sergeant major. However, he retired one rank lower as a master sergeant "for benefit purposes because he did not complete additional coursework at the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy," Army Lt. Col. Kristen Augé, a spokesperson for the Minnesota National Guard, told Spectrum News in a statement.

In 2018, a spokesperson for the Minnesota National Guard told MPR that it was legitimate for Walz to say he served as a command sergeant major even if he retired at a lower rank.

"I know that there are certainly folks that did far more than I did. I know that," Walz told MPR in 2018. "I willingly say that I got far more out of the military than they got out of me, from the GI Bill to leadership opportunities to everything else."

Several of Walz's fellow soldiers have come forward with accusations that he left the service after finding out his battalion would be deployed to Iraq. Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Tom Behrends, who served with Walz, has publicized the accusations since at least 2018, calling the governor "a traitor" in an interview with the New York Post on Tuesday. Behrends campaigned with and donated \$2,500 to Walz's Republican opponent in 2022.

"I don't know if Tom just disagrees with my politics or whatever, but my record speaks for itself and my accomplishments in uniform speak for itself, and there's many people in this crowd, too, that I served with," Walz told the Minneapolis' Star Tribune in 2022. "It's just unfortunate."

Other soldiers who served with Walz have argued there was nothing to suggest Walz's departure from the service warrants suspicion. Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Eustice told the Star Tribune in 2022 that Walz "was a great soldier" and that "when he chose to leave, he had every right to leave." He speculated that soldiers who claimed otherwise were misinformed or even harbored grudges for being passed over for promotions.

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According to a 2007 National Guard article, Walz's battalion received "alert orders" they were set to be deployed in Iraq in July 2005, after he had already retired. They ended up deploying in March 2006 and stayed through June 2007, which the National Guard noted was "the longest continuous deployment of any military unit during Operation Iraqi Freedom" at the time. CNN first resurfaced the 2007 article in a report on Wednesday.

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The Harris campaign defended Walz's service record and pointed to his record working on veterans issues in Congress, saying through a spokesperson "as Vice President of the United States he will continue to be a relentless champion for our veterans and military families."

For his part, Vance served in the Marines for four years out of high school, the majority spent as a combat correspondent — or "public affairs marine," as he described it in his 2016 memoir "Hillbilly Elegy." In his memoir, Vance describes his time in the service as "largely uneventful" and writes he "was lucky to escape any real fighting" during a six month deployment to Iraq.

But on Wednesday, Vance said he was bothered by Walz's "stolen valor garbage." He responded specifically to Walz's comments, shared by the Harris campaign on Tuesday, calling for gun control measures because "weapons of war, that I carried in war, is the only place those weapons are out."

"Well, I wonder, Tim Walz, when were you ever in war? When was this? What was this weapon that you carried into war, given that you abandoned your unit right before they went to Iraq, and he has not spent a day in a combat zone," Vance said. "What bothers me about Tim Walz is the stolen valor garbage. Do not pretend to be something that you're not."

"I'd be ashamed if I was him and I lied about my military service like he did," Vance added.

Notably, Vance's running mate, former President Donald Trump, never served in the military despite coming of age when the draft was still in place amid the height of the Vietnam War. In 1968, as he graduated from college, Trump was diagnosed with bone spurs and received a medical deferment from the draft.

Spectrum News' David Mendez contributed to this report.

NOTE: This article has been updated with further information.

=====no mention of walz vance on kyle, except this:

griffinkyle

7:08 AM 8/8/2024

14h14 hours ago

JD Vance's net favorability numbers have DROPPED in this poll.

Two weeks ago: (28/31) NET -3

Now: (34/43) NET -9

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stonekettle

12h12 hours ago

The fact that JD Vance is attacking the honorable military service of his opponent, same as Trump went after John McCain's service, without any pushback from Republicans who claim to love and honor veterans, tells you everything you need to know about Republicans' lack of character.

Vote accordingly.

cjonathana

14h14 hours ago

Sorry Jim. I sent this to a real world friend. Col, retired USMC, F/A 18 Pilot. Postings included 'Top Gun' Instructor. Sent me a very interesting and very different take on this.

stonekettle

11h11 hours ago

I'm not interested in the opinion of some Colonel who thinks Vance's attacks on a fellow veteran's service is okay.

wyatt.daryl

10h10 hours ago

Nobody cares about your friend who thinks it's cool someone to attack another's service. There are assholes all over the place, even in the Marines, and it sounds like your friend is one of them.

cjonathana

10h10 hours ago

Interesting comment as you have no idea what he even wrote to me.

wyatt.daryl

9h9 hours ago

Then post it ☺♂

(no posting visible 7:18 AM 8/8/2024)

-----on Jonathan Cohen's own page, responding to Stonekettle

cjonathana

10h10 hours ago

Also indicated a wish, a desire for real conversation on policies and plans rather than mud throwing.

cjonathana

10h10 hours ago

Understand. Sent you link to the paid for article he made reference to. Same article which has also be questioned by a few including today's NY Times

<https://www.instagram.com/cjonathana/>

benign pics of his wife on vacation

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gtconway3dg

17h17 hours ago

Gov. Walz, not President Trump, deployed the National Guard during the 2020 unrest

kare11.com/article◆

-----re mark kelly pic



Captain Mark Kelly 
@CaptMarkKelly

Hey [@JDVance](#), did you forget what the USMC taught you about respect? Tim Walz spent DECADES in uniform.

You both deserve to be thanked for your service. Don't become Donald Trump. He calls veterans suckers and losers and that is beneath those of us who have actually served.



goldengateblond

9h9 hours ago

it's all Chris LaCivita knows how to do

thegamerchap

9h9 hours ago

I currently serve and I tell you now, Vance is foolish for what he's said. EVERYONE who serves knows to respect the rank, especially a CSM. His minimal time in service is clear with his ridiculous comment about retiring to dodge the war. Retirement literally takes a long time to be approved at the highest level. He knows no honor. How dare a person who served four years (1 of those spent in training) to speak down to a man who served 24.

mks231951

9h9 hours ago

Thank you @captmarkkelly

realtorbill3

8h8 hours ago

Bullshit @captmarkkelly! I know you are being gracious. Trump is a traitor who tried to install fake electors. He wants to rule as a dictator. JD Vance is a DISGRACE to the Uniform and a TRAITOR. He and all Trumper veterans are a F\$cking embarrassment to honorable veterans like @timwalz. They have abandoned their oath to serve Trump over country.

BREAKING: The New York Times helps JD Vance Swiftboat Tim Walz

Tell the news media not to privilege Republican lies about Tim Walz's military service



JAMISON FOSER
AUG 08, 2024

Tim Walz "enlisted Army National Guard in Nebraska in 1981 and retired honorably in 2005," according to his military records. Months after Tim Walz retired from the Army National Guard in 2005, his unit received orders to deploy to Iraq.



Jamison Foser
@jamisonfoser

The *New York Times*, for example, leads with Vance's false accusation, not with the truth:

Vance Attacks Walz's Military Record, Accusing Him of Avoiding a Tour in Iraq

Senator JD Vance of Ohio also claimed Gov. Tim Walz of Minnesota had exaggerated his service record. Mr. Walz said a decision to retire and run for Congress came months before any notice of deployment.

The first seven paragraphs of the *New York Times* article are devoted to recounting Vance's false claims — without once even hinting at their falsity. The article portrays this as a problem for Walz instead of for Vance — and thus makes it so.

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Hi @MichaelCBender your article about JD Vance lying about Tim Walz's military record privileges Vance's lies and does your readers a disservice. You lead with *seven paragraphs* of Walz allegations without so much as a hint that they are false. Why?

thetnholler

7h7 hours ago

Here's @jamisonfoser calling out @michaelcbender and the @nytimes

for helping JD Vance lie about Walz's military record with misleading headlines and leading with "7 paragraphs of allegations without a hint they are false"

findinggravity.net/p/bre

sturgida

7h7 hours ago

Daily reminder the

@nytimes

is irreparably broken

eliza_bennett11

7h7 hours ago

This is really angering me. The nyt and other media are openly colluding to install a dictator.

blackziram

7h7 hours ago

@washingtonpost

(byline Nicole Markus and Aaron Schaffer) also wanting to get-in on spreading Trump/Vance lies & smears on Walz military record with false headline.

Let's fix that headline

@washingtonpost

to be: "Trump/Vance Spread Lies to Distort Gov Walz Military Record & Distract From Their Failing Campaign"

washingtonpost.com

=====on George's site



JD Vance ✅ @JDVance · 19 Feb 22

Your entire time in military leadership we won zero wars. You drank fine wine at bullshit security conferences while thousands of working class kids died on the battlefield. Oh, by the way, how much do you stand to gain financially from a war with Russia, Barry?



Barry R McCaffrey ✅ @m... · 19 Feb 22

Replying to @MalcolmNance

JD Vance is a shameful person unsuitable for public office. His comments are those of a stooge for Russian aggression.



Readers added context

During Operation Desert Storm, McCaffrey commanded 24th Infantry Division and conducted the "left hook" attack into Iraq, leading to decisive battle victory in the Persian Gulf War. thenmusa.org/soldier-profile...

weinerpublic.com/ADA266598.pdf

gtconway3

11h11 hours ago

I hadn't seen this before, but I think this settles it. **Vance is an asshole.**

Gen McCaffry post picc

cmkinmiami

11h11 hours ago

He's not getting any better at absorbing these comments. He just seems to be getting angrier and darker and more aggressive. I say we continue this strategy.

cuttersalley

8h8 hours ago

Is JD Vance trying to blatantly throw / blow the election for Trump. Maybe he has figured out away to literally destroy Trump.

I seen him in interviews where he trashed Trump.

magnolia.ave.fl

11h11 hours ago

Vance was a desk jockey for the Marines. Even the Marines didn't trust him on the

field, but he had a four year contract so they found a place to stuff him out of the way.

bobmac311

11h11 hours ago

General McCaffrey is an honest to God war hero. Two DSCs (next highest to the Medal of Honor). Multiple Silver and Bronze Stars for Valor. Three Purple Hearts.

bobmac311

11h11 hours ago

His second DSC citation in part: At 0315 hours the camp received intense mortar fire which severely wounded Captain McCaffrey in the shoulder. With complete disregard for his safety, he unhesitatingly ran through the intense automatic weapons and mortar fire to estimate the severity of the attack. He soon discovered that the senior American advisor had been killed, and all but one of the company commanders were seriously wounded. 1/2

bobmac311

11h11 hours ago

After rendering aid to the casualties, Captain McCaffrey took command and dauntlessly proceeded around the perimeter to direct the defense against the insurgent human wave assaults. Again he was wounded by mortar fragments, but ignored his own condition and quickly organized a counterattack which successfully repelled another Viet Cong attack. During the remainder of the 12-hour battle, Captain McCaffrey repeatedly exposed himself to the hostile fire and directed artillery and air strikes♦"

nolanowland

10h10 hours ago

This

=====meanwhile, in charlie's mind

charliekirk1776

8h8 hours ago

A CASE OF STOLEN VALOR: THE TRUTH ABOUT TIM WALZ ☰

podcasts.apple.com/us/po♦

The Charlie Kirk Show: A Case of Stolen Valor: The Truth About Tim Walz on Apple Podcasts

rayolivares

8h8 hours ago

Here's Trump's Chief of Staff, John Kelly, who knew Trump best during the time he made this statement. nbcnews.com/polit...

rayolivares

7h7 hours ago

I'm sure the typical pro-Trump faceless accounts with zero followers will denigrate John Kelly, a vet himself, over this post.

mabellymoo_the_beagle

1habout an hour ago

I'm surprised obama didn't dig a little deeper. You'd think he would have done a better job of vetting walzwithoutbalz before he anointed him.

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gtconway3dg

11m11 minutes ago

@janemmayer

: "Remember when John Kerry was Swiftboated by Chris LaCivita who is doing it to Tim Walz now? Guess who funded it? Harlan Crow, the billionaire who has been lavishing freebies on Clarence Thomas."

cnj08540

8m8 minutes ago

The right wing billionaire with a fetish for Nazi memorabilia

swiftieinmyfifties

3m3 minutes ago

Let's swiftboat LaCivita and Crow.

jbolton2013

4m4 minutes ago

I don't think a swift boat attack will work coming from a draft dodging, veteran trashing, dictator praising insurrectionist. It's a desperate play cause they've got nothing else.

myleftis

3m3 minutes ago

Corruption always MAGA

suspersists

2m2 minutes ago

The Kochs, Mercers, Crow, etc, don't care about this country. They only want power and control. The Kochs are immigrants. Someone should remind them of that.

auntlauralondon

7m7 minutes ago

LaCivita has always been scummy

Now he has more corrupt HC money to be scummy with.

[Christopher Joseph LaCivita is an American political consultant and partner in FP1 Strategies, a national public-affairs and campaign firm. He is a senior advisor to Donald Trump's 2024 presidential campaign... As of 2023, LaCivita was the chief strategist of Trump's MAGA Inc. Super PAC.[51] In March 2024 LaCivita also became Chief Operating Officer of the Republican National Committee following its takeover by Trump.[52] Wikipedia

Born: 1966 (age 58 years), McKeesport, PA

Spouse: Catherine

Children: 2

Education: Virginia Commonwealth University (BS)

Political party: Republican

Rank: Sergeant

Service/branch: United States Marine Corps]



Brian Beutler @brianbeutler · 38m

The story is “Vance smears Walz” not “Walz faces criticism for blah blah blah.” Let’s see which campaign reporters get it right and which ones participate in the smear.

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